

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.3169**

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TO:	The Honorable Ronald P. Townsend, Chairperson, House Education and Public Works Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Students Must be on School Grounds During School Hours		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3169 would provide that a student must be on school grounds during the hours the school is in session each day. The Bill provides that parents must be notified when a student violates this section and provides penalties for first, second and subsequent offenses.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

State Department of Education

SDE indicates enactment would have no impact on the General Fund of the State, or on federal and/or other funds. The Bill does not require the Department or the school districts to enforce the provisions of this Bill. Nor does it require the Department or school districts to report when a student has left the school grounds.

Judicial Department

The Judicial Department indicates there will be a minimal fiscal impact. However, the impact may be greater depending on the number of cases to be heard in the Family Court based on reducing the number of unexcused absences to three.

Prosecution Coordination Commission

The Commission indicates there will be a minimal impact which can be absorbed within existing resources.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

Pursuant to Section 2-7-76 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, the Office of State Budget has surveyed members of the FIST Network. The responses will be forwarded upon receipt. It is assumed local law enforcement would be responsible for detaining and arresting the students.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The Board of Economic Advisors is appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this or any other Bill.

Approved by:



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